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SUBJECT: BOMB IN PANAMA

1. DURING THE LATE HOURS OF NOVEMBER 29, A BOMB EXPLODED IN A CAR IN PANAMA CITY. MRS. GILMA RODRIGUEZ, THE WIFE OF JORGE RODRIGUEZ AIZPURUA, AN AIR PANAMA PILOT, WAS CRITICALLY INJURED, WHILE HER HUSBAND ESCAPED WITH MINOR INJURIES. ANOTHER OCCUPANT OF THE CAR, DOLORES MONTOTO BRID, A SECRETARY WITH AIR PANAMA, WAS UNHURT.

2. A GN COMMUNIQUE REPORTED THAT THE BOMB EXPLODED WHILE BEING HANDLED BY MRS. RODRIGUEZ AND ACCUSED MR. RODRIGUEZ OF PLANTING TWO BOMBS IN THE CITY EARLIER THAT NIGHT, WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY DISARMED BY THE GN. IN ADDITION, 14 NIPPLE-TYPE PIPE BOMBS WERE FOUND IN HIS HOME AFTER A SEARCH BY THE GN, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO WENT ON TO LINK JORGE RODRIGUEZ (WHO HAS BEEN ARRESTED PREVIOUSLY FOR "SUBVERSIVE ACTS") WITH ARNULFO ARIAS, WITH PANAMANIAN

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BUSINESSMEN EXILED LAST JANUARY, AND WITH OTHER "RADICALS" IN

MIAMI WHO ARE SEEKING TO OVERTHROW THE GOP.

3. PRESS OF DECEMBER 1 CARRIED STRAIGHT GN COMMUNIQUE; BUT
TABOILD "CRITICA" HEADLINED THAT THE BOMBS WERE MADE IN THE U.S.
AN INSIDE HEADLINE UNDER A PICTURE OF THE PIPE-BOMBS SAID,
"ZONIANS SAY: MORE NIPPLES FOR PANAMANIANIANS".

4. GN COMMUNIQUE CLAIMS TO HAVE DISARMED TWO OTHER BOMBS ON
NOVEMBER 29. ABOUT AN HOUR BEFORE THE EXPLOSION IN RODRIGUEZ'S
CAR, EMBASSY OFFICERS HEARD ANOTHER EXPLOSION WHICH MAY HAVE
BEEN A BOMB. THE PRESS HAS NOT MENTIONED IT.

5. COMMENT: THE GOP WILL NO DOUBT DRUM UP THIS INCIDENT AS
EVIDENCE OF EXILE PLOTTING AND TERRORIST ACTIVITY. GOP MAY
SEEK TO KLINK THIS EVENT WITH RECENT BOMBINGS
IN THE CANAL ZONE.
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